**New Trains introduced:**

| Sl.No. | Train No. | From | To | Type | Frequency | Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2135/2136 | Pune | Nagpur | Garib Rath | Tri-weekly | 19.01.2009 |
| 2. | 4259/4260 | Varanasi | Rameshwaram | Express | Weekly | Upto Chennai from 8.2.09 |
| 3. | 2849/2850 | Bilaspur | Pune | Express | Weekly | 3.7.08 |
| 4. | 2119/2120 | Amravati | Nagpur | Express | 5 days | 8.9.08 |

**Following trains have also been announced in Railway Budget** 2008-09 (**To commence shortly**):

| Sl.No. | Train No. | From | To | Type | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2879/2880 | Bhubaneshwar | Lokmanya Tilak (T) | Express | Bi-weekly |
| 2. | 2389/2390 | Gaya | Chennai | Express | weekly |

**Extension**:

| Sl.No | Train No. | From | To | Type | Upto | Date of extension |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2855/2856 | Nagpur | Raipur | Express | Bilaspur | 1.7.2008 |
| 2. | 2409/2410 | Nizamuddin | Bilaspur | Gondwana Express | Raigarh | 25.2.2008 |
| 3. | 2139/2140 | Nagpur | Dadar (T) | Sewagram Express | Mumbai CST | 14.12.08 |

**Frequency**:

| Sl.No. | Train No. | From | To | Type | From | To | Date of increasing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2151/2152 | Lokmanya Tilak (T) | Howrah | Samrasta Express | 1 | 2 | 29.1.2009 |

**Increase in diseases**

†705.SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp rise in the serious diseases like cancer, diabetes and heart disease etc. in the country during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of patients for the last three years, disease-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) and (b) Health being a state subject, such information/data is not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

centrally maintained. The data available from National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR does indicate rise in the cancer cases in India. There are about nine lakh new Cancer patients occurring every year in the country. The diabetes and heart diseases are also increasing in the country.

**Drip and sprinkler irrigation**

706. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drip and sprinkler irrigation is rapidly gaining ground in country;

(b) the number of hectares, district-wise, covered under drip irrigation in the State of West Bengal; and

(c) the details of Central subsidy provided to farmers who are doing drip irrigation in the State of West Bengal in the last three years; year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The district wise area covered under drip irrigation in the State of West Bengal is as under:

| Sl.No. | District | Area covered under drip (ha) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Burdwan | 21 |
| 2. | Malda | 12 |
| 3. | Paschim Midnapore | 22 |
| 4. | South 24 Parganas | 0.6 |
| | TOTAL : | 55.60 |

(c) The Central subsidy of Rs.195.67 lakh was released to eighteen districts of West Bengal during 2006-07 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation. Since, the subsidy released to the State was not utilized fully, further release of funds could not be made. The district wise details of central subsidy provided is given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Details of district-wise release of funds during 2006-07*

| Sl.No. | Name of the District | Funds released (Rs. in lakh) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Bankura | 13.37 |
| 2. | Burdwan | 8.63 |
| 3. | Birbhum | 8.50 |
| 4. | Cooch Behar | 7.74 |
| 5. | Dakshin Dinajpur | 6.38 |